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1. Units which had been at the KOENIGSBRUECK (N 52/ A 31) troop training grounds throughout the Summer of 1949 left for their military posts until 31 October 1949, departing by train and truck. Part of the heavy weapons belonging to the leaving units was stored in the troop training grounds area.
2. About 8,000 troops were still at the troop training grounds. They were quartered in the following installations:
 - a. Former Nachrichtenschule (signal school) south of the KOENIGSBRUECK railroad station: Artillery units totaling about 1,000 troops. Field howitzers of 120 to 150 mm caliber (solid tires) and drum-shaped range-finders or signal-lamp equipment were observed with the troops.

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b. Altes Lager (old camp):

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Unit, allegedly a motor transport unit, of 250 to 300 troops.

c. Neues Lager (new camp):

(1) Units of various branches of service with about 3,000 troops. The sound of firing by light infantry weapons and field guns was heard from the camp area.

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3. The summer camps, extending north of Neues Lager along Highway No. 97 as far as SCHNEPNITZ (N 52/A 32), were vacant. The summer camps had 13 cantonments, each with 20 to 30 wooden cantonment buildings, 2 or 3 garages and 2 utility buildings. Each cantonment was surrounded by a board fence. The entrance faced Highway No. 97. The highway was reopened to civilian traffic between KOENIGSBRUECK and SCHNEPNITZ on 1 November 1949.
4. Cantonments with a quartering capacity equal to that of the cantonments on Highway No. 97 were under construction along the road from SCHNEPNITZ to ZEISCHOLZ (N 52/A 42). The construction work was to be completed by the Spring of 1950.
5. Supplies for the troops at the troop training grounds arrived as follows:
- a. Ammunition: By train and truck from the ammunition depot on Koenigsbrueckerstrasse, DRESDEN (N 52/F 29).
 - b. Ration supplies:
 - (1) By truck from storehouses in GRUENMETZMUEHLE (west of KOENIGSBRUECK).
 - (2) By truck from bakeries and butchershops in KOENIGSBRUECK.
 - (3) By truck from DRESDEN.
 - (4) By train arriving at the KOENIGSBRUECK railroad station from an unidentified location.
 - c. Clothing and equipment: By truck and train from supply installations in DRESDEN.

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Comment:

a. The report confirms that component units of the First Gds Decz Army returned to their previous military posts in late October 1949, having been at the troop training grounds since the Spring of 1949 and having completed the final fall maneuvers.

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b. [REDACTED] indicates that component units of the 11th Gds Tank Div and of the 4th Gds AAA Div may have remained at the troop training grounds to stay throughout the winter.

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c. It is assumed that the troop training grounds in all army areas in the Soviet Zone of Germany will be improved during the winter. Similar reports were received from other areas.

d. The troops permanently stationed in KÖNIGSBRÜCK draw supplies from installations in the KÖNIGSBRÜCK area and from the ration supply and ammunition depot on Königsbrueckerstrasse, DRESDEN.

2 Annexes: 1. Troop Training Grounds of KÖNIGSBRÜCK.

2. Former German Nachrichtenschule (Signal School) at KÖNIGSBRÜCK.

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